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## EDITORIAL.

The proposed athletic committee of Harrisburg was recently made a permanent organization and will be known hereafter as the Harrisburg Track Athletic Committee. The purpose of this committee is to foster all amateur sport in Harrisburg, and special stress will be laid on two events: the interscholastic meet on May 16 and the intercollegiate meet on May 30.

The latter will be of great interest to all the colleges of the state and efforts are being made to have each one represented. The committee has selected handsome medals of gold, silver and bronze, to be given the winners of the first three places

of each event, together with a silver loving cup for the college capturing the most points. These should prove alluring inducements to all athletes of the state and especially to those of our own college. It not only gives them a chance to win individual glory but also to uphold the honor of Penn State against her near rivals.

This event is something which has long been needed and the committee is certainly to be congratulated on the progress it has made. The minor details are not yet arranged but enough has been accomplished to make it certain that May 30 will be a gala day for the Capitol City and a meeting place for all college men.

The University of Virginia has adopted a student custom known as "College Hour" which promises great things for the social life and undergraduate activities of the institution. At certain intervals all college exercises are suspended for one hour to permit every student to assemble in one of the halls to listen to talks by men representing various phases of college life. Questions affecting every form of student activity are raised and general discussion is open to all. Athletics, college publications, musical organizations, and literary societies all come in for a share of attention, to the mutual benefit of the student body.

Such a custom would be of great value at State. In fact, we have a pressing need for an organization of the student body capable of dealing with questions outside the province of the athletic association, the classes, or any other organizations

existing at present. Many times during the past year have questions arisen which demanded united action, and they have either been taken up by hasty mass meetings after chapel or neglected entirely. The actions of such meetings are really of little value because they have no officials and no provision is made for keeping a record of the proceedings. These deficiencies could be corrected by a permanent organization and many questions needing attention could be taken up and decided expeditiously. No better time than the present could be chosen for the working out of this important problem.

## With Our Graduates.

Among the graduates of Penn State who have won distinction in the Northwest are Wm. B. Jackson, '90, Chicago, consulting engineer; Walter M. Camp, '91, Chicago, editor Railway Review; Chas. W. Lawrence, '96, Professor of Civil Engineering in the James Milliken University, Decatur, Ills.; Harry P. Wood, '99, Professor of Electrical Engineering in the University of Illinois; Franklin T. Cole, '00, Professor in the Howe School, Lima, Indiana; Howard C. Johnson, '00, Engineer of Peoria Division of Penn Lines, Decatur, Ills.; Chas. W. Burkett, '95, Wisconsin Telephone Co., Milwaukee; Rudolph F. Kelker, '96, Chicago Union Traction Company, Chicago; Howard H. Jones, '96, with the Illinois Steel Company, Chicago; John E. McCulloch, '97, Chicago, Latrobe Steel Company; Augustus O. Hiestel, '98, Chicago, National Battery Company.

C. N. Fleming, '09, is convalescing rapidly and expects to leave the Altoona hospital in a few days. He will return to college at once.